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TAGS: OVIP (SADAT, ANWAR)

SUBJECT: SADAT VISIT: PROPOSED SCHEDULE

REF: STATE 231075

1. DURING MY MEETING WITH FAHMY TODAY, I GAVE HIM A COPY OF THE PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR PRESIDENT SADAT'S VISIT AS CITED REFTEL. IN DOING SO, I STRESSED IT IS A TENTATIVE SCHEDULE INTENDED SOLELY FOR DISCUSSION PURPOSES AT THIS TIME AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE DEPENDING UPON THE PRESIDENT'S WISHES AND PRESIDENT FORD'S APPROVAL. FAHMY WENT THROUGH IT QUICKLY AND MADE A FEW PRELIMINARY COMMENTS.

2. HE GRUMBLED ABOUT THE KENNEDY CENTER VASE UNVEILING, WHICH HE VIEWED AS A GHORBAL SUGGESTION. RE OCTOBER 28, HE QUESTIONED THE NEED TO MEET WITH 20 PROMINENT EDITORS AND SUBSEQUENTLY TO HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE AT BLAIR HOUSE. ONE SUCH MEETING SHOULD SUFFICE, IN HIS VIEW, ESPECIALLY AFTER THE NATIONAL PRESS CLUB LUNCHEON ADDRESS THE PREVIOUS DAY. SO FAR AS UNGA IS CONCERNED, HE WILL WORK THIS OUT WITH SYG WALDHEIM. IT WILL BE SYG WHO WILL HOST LUNCHEON.

3. HE ASKED WHERE THE REST PLACE WILL BE LOCATED? I TOLD HIM THIS IS STILL BEING WORKED OUT. HE RECALLED THE SECRETARY HAD MENTIONED A PLACE IN FLORIDA. HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE NICE IF SOME PLACE THAT HAS SOME GREENERY AND OPEN AIR COULD BE FOUND BECAUSE THE PRESIDENT RELAXES MORE EASILY IN SUCH SURROUNDINGS. WHILE HE

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WANTS THE PRESIDENT TO GO TO HOUSTON, HE WAS NOT HAPPY THAT IT

IS THE LAST ITINERARY STOP SINCE HE THINKS AN EIGHT-HOUR FLIGHT TO LONDON IS A LITTLE MORE THAN PRESIDENT SADAT WILL LIKE. THINKING OUT LOUD, HE WONDERED IF SADAT COULD NOT LEAVE FROM NEW YORK OR WASHINGTON.

4. HIS BIG QUESTION WAS WHAT ABOUT ADDRESSING A JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS? PER REFERENCE INSTRUCTIONS, I TOLD HIM THIS IS STILL BEING EXPLORED. HE WAS IMMEDIATELY SUSPICIOUS. WHAT WAS THE OBJECTION TO SUCH AN IDEA? I REPEATED THAT ALL I COULD TELL HIM IS THAT THE MATTER IS STILL BEING EXPLORED.

5. FAHMY INDICATED HIS OBSERVATIONS ARE TENTATIVE. HE WILL DISCUSS THE DRAFT WITH PRESIDENT SADAT, PROBABLY TONIGHT, AND LET US HAVE THE PRESIDENT'S REACTIONS ASAP.

6. RE PARA 2, STATE 231074, I DID NOT RPT NOT MENTION TO FAHMY THAT WE WILL PAY ALL EXPENSES OF ENTIRE SADAT PARTY WHILE THEY ARE IN THE US. BEFORE DOING SO, I WANT TO BE SURE WE ARE TALKING ABOUT BOTH OFFICIAL AND NON-OFFICIAL PARTY, WHICH MAY TOTAL 100 OR MORE. PLEASE CLARIFY.

7. I HAVE NOT RPT NOT YET HAD CHANCE TO DISCUSS MATTER WITH HASSAN KAMEL, WHO IS IN LONDON MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR SADAT'S TRIP TO THE UK. KAMEL IS NOT EXPECTED BACK UNTIL TUESDAY. I WILL FILL HIM IN IN DUE COURSE.
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